



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

- WHEREAS: Since January 2000, at least 172 individuals in the United States have died as a result of college campus-related fires. Nearly 87 percent of those deaths occurred in off-campus residences; and
- WHEREAS: Many college students live in off-campus residences, fraternity and sorority housing, and residence halls that may not be adequately protected by automatic fire sprinklers or fire alarm systems. A significant number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings with compromised or disabled fire safety systems; and
- WHEREAS: Automatic fire alarm systems and smoke detectors warn both residents and first responders of a potential fire and provide those in danger with opportunities to respond appropriately to find safety. In addition, automatic fire sprinkler systems help to control or extinguish a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives and property of associated occupants; and
- WHEREAS: Fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life, injuries, and property damage. It is therefore critical to inform young people of proper fire safety procedures to protect their lives, during years of postsecondary education and thereafter; and
- WHEREAS: By developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires may be significantly reduced; and
- WHEREAS: During Campus Fire Safety Month, schools and municipalities across the state are encouraged to evaluate fire safety in student housing and take the necessary steps to ensure fire-safe living conditions for residents; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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